

INTRO OF MAE
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Every space shuttle that lifts off from Florida carries more than just astronauts -- it carries the pride of America. And America has never had a better reason to feel proud than Dr. Mae Jemison. \

Back when Mae was growing up on the South Side of Chicago, there were no female astronauts. There were no black astronauts. But it didn't matter.

Martin Luther King
had a dream, and Mae
Jemison had a dream,
too. \

Her mother was a
teacher, and helped
her find books to read
about space and
science. She worked
hard in school,
because she knew that
to become an
astronaut, you had to
be the best. \

As the
Administrator of
NASA, I could not be
more proud of any
group of individuals \
as I am of our
astronauts. But there
are many thousands of
engineers, scientists,

and other professionals needed to keep America's space program moving forward. It's my hope that students will learn from the space program -- be inspired by it -- to get the education they need to reach their personal dream. \\

Maybe one of you will be among the first astronauts to go to Mars. And you'll tell everyone, "My dream started when I saw Mae Jemison fly in space \\ and I knew that no dream was too big -- no limit could be placed on what I could accomplish."

With more young
people like Mae
Jemison, NASA is
going to keep reaching
for the stars.

And now, it my
pleasure to introduce a
true American hero,
Dr. Mae Jemison.

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